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Recent Data Updates (In the past 3 months)

- *Private Institution Transfer (2005)*
- *Private Institution First-Time Freshmen (2005)*

Upcoming Data Updates (Within the next 60 days)

- *Public Institution Enrollment (2006)*
- *Public Institution Degrees & Certificates Awarded (2006)*



New Information at CPEC

Welcome to the July, 2007 edition of the CPEC newsletter, *Bits of Data*. The intended audience for this publication is the analyst or the layperson interested in accessing information and data about higher education in California. The [California Postsecondary Education Commission](#) (CPEC) periodically announces, through this publication, the availability of new data sets, updates to existing data, and new research.

This month, the 2006 data from the public segments have arrived. Most of these data are now available through the Commission's website.

In this issue we also highlight an important state-wide resource: The [California Department of Finance Demographic, Economic and Financial Research](#) Unit.

Recent Data and Data Updates

Detailed explanations have been added for each of the reports available in the Customized Reports section.

Public enrollment, transfer and degree data (Fall, 2006) from the University of California (UC) and the California Community Colleges (CCC) have been processed and made available for your use. Degree data (2006) from the California State University (CSU) system have also been received and processed but enrollment and transfer data are still pending. Please note Affected web pages:

- [Customized Data Reports, Enrollment](#)— All reports
- [Customized Data Reports, Degrees](#) – All reports
- [Customized Data Reports, Transfer](#) – All Fall-Term public reports
- [Statewide Snapshots](#) – All enrollment and degree snapshots
- [Data mining](#) – All reports

The [School Codes / Crosswalk](#) web page is updated monthly. Look towards the bottom of the page to see last update dates.

New Applications

Along with our data releases, Commission staff members are pleased to offer a new, exciting, application this month. *Freshmen Pathways* is similar to our Transfer Pathways product. It will be used by many of our users interested in First-time Freshmen trend data. This tool is discussed in more detail below. Please provide us with feedback on this application. We are very excited about it and would like to know how it can assist you.

Education Links

- [CA Postsecondary Education Commission](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [University of California](#)
- [California State University](#)
- [CA Community Colleges](#)
- [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education](#)
- [US Department of Education](#)

Freshmen Pathways

The [Freshmen Pathways](#) page allows the user to study the relationship of First-Time Freshmen between California public colleges and California high schools for the past 15 years. A "conduit" or "pathway" exists between high schools and colleges. Feeder high schools and high schools that consistently send a larger number of students to specific colleges are identified as having large conduits or pathways. The largest pathway is highlighted in **blue**. It represents a pathway (or First-Time Freshmen) of an average of 50+ students over the time period. The next largest pathway representing an average of 10 - 49 students is highlighted in **green**.

Users can select any public college on the list, or search for any high school using the search function on the page. Selecting a college will show all high schools that sent students over the past 15 years. Searching for, and selecting a high school will show all colleges where the students attended as First-Time Freshmen. System-wide data are also available with or without aggregation by high school.

Data displayed are the sending or receiving type of institution, the distance between the high school and college, and the numbers of First-Time Freshmen over the past 15 years.

Highlight: California Demographics

In this issue, we highlight the work performed by the [staff](#) of the [Demographic Research Unit](#) of the California Department of Finance (DOF). In case you didn't know, DOF is designated as the single official source of demographic data for state planning and budgeting. The Commission uses these data extensively in many of its reports analyzing future trends in the state.

Some recently released data include:

- [**Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity for California and its counties, 2000-2050**](#), has just been released and is available on the DOF website. This new data series contains a variety of reports/files reflecting long range population projections by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.
- [**They Moved and Went Where: California's Migration Flow, 1995-2000**](#), is available on the DOF website. It contains a section on educational attainment cross-referenced by selected demographic, socio-economic, and housing characteristics. The data for this report are from the U.S. Census Bureau's "1995-2000 County-to-County Migration Data" and are derived from the Census 2000 long-form sample data.
- [**The annual California Current Population Survey Report**](#) based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2005 March supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), is available on the DOF website. The March supplement to the CPS contains detailed demographic, socio-economic, and housing data, including data on educational attainment that is also cross-referenced by race/ethnicity, sex, type of degree, and income. The 2006 March supplement will be forthcoming.

Be sure to check out the What's New box on the [Demographic Research](#) page for other recently released reports and data. The [California County Profiles](#) and the [California Statistical Abstract](#) are also very useful. The Demographic Research Unit has several data releases planned by the end of the year. Check with them frequently.

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BPPVE – Closed

The [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education](#) (BPPVE) ceased operations on June 30, 2007. The Bureau approved and oversaw about 1,500 degree-granting and vocational schools. On July 12, AB1525 was signed into law. This bill allows the Department of Consumer Affairs to enter into voluntary agreements with for-profit teaching institutions to abide by state rules so the institutions can remain in good standing through January 31, 2008.

CPEC Website... and YOU!

Have you seen the [CPEC website](#) recently? Most folks appreciate the new look and feel. It is easier on the eyes but you should still be able find things easily. Please let us know what works and what doesn't. We are very interested in your opinion. Many changes to the website are made because of comments and requests by you, our customers. Let us know if we need to add other data, reports, etc. It never hurts to ask.

Feedback – For more information

Let us know what you would like to see in the *Bits of Data*. Drop us a line at Data_Request@cpec.ca.gov and share your thoughts. We want to hear from you.

Website Release Notes

Additions, changes, and enhancements to the Commission's website since the June Commission Meeting.

September 6, 2007 - Enacted Legislation

A new page has been added to the Legislation section of the website to maintain a list of pertinent legislation that affects the Commission. [Enacted Legislation](#) includes the enabling legislation from 1973 and AB 1570, which established the Commission's longitudinal data system. Other legislation will be added in the future.

September 5, 2007 - Out-of-State Institutions Available

The [College Guide Search](#) now has an option to include out-of-state institutions in the results. Information pages for these schools display the address, phone numbers, websites, programs offered, and degree levels offered. In addition, historically black and tribal colleges are identified, along with the religious affiliation when appropriate. As with all information about colleges and universities, this information is offered as a service and inclusion does not constitute or imply a Commission endorsement. Prospective students should thoroughly research all options before selecting any educational course, institution, or program.

August 30, 2007 - Census Data in California Context Update

New data on the percent of the population below the federal poverty level, the median household income, and the median income by educational attainment from the US Census Bureau have been loaded in [California Context](#).

August 29, 2007 - CPEC's Library of External Reports continues to grow.

There are now nearly 90 reports available in the Commission's [External Reports](#) library. You can find reports by topic, issuing agency, or date.

August 29, 2007 - Additional Age Grouping in Custom Reports

The Enrollment by Age of Students in the [Customized Reports](#) now includes an age grouping that encompasses the traditional age of college students, 18-24.

August 23, 2007 - Compare Institutions

Update SQL to reflect database change regarding WASC_FLAG.

August 23, 2007 - Additional URLs in the College Guide

A link to the [Economic Diversity](#) website and to CPEC's "Freshman Profiles" have been added to the college guide under the Additional URL section.

August 22, 2007 - New Category Added to the Useful Links

[Useful Links](#) now includes a category for Geographic Information to group together links related to each of California counties and regions.

August 22, 2007 - 2006 Enrollment Data for California State University

Enrollment data for California State University are now available. This updates all of the pages that rely on these data including [Customized Reports](#). See [Where to Find Data](#) for other locations and views of the data.

August 22, 2007 - 2006 Public High School Graduation Data

Graduation data for California's public high schools are now available. These data are used to generate the [College-Going Rates](#) and are also used in First-Time Freshmen reports in [Customized Reports](#). See [Where to Find Data](#) for other locations and uses of these data.

August 16, 2007 - College Guide Search Enhanced

The [College Search](#) now includes the ability to search for colleges and universities offering a specific degree in a particular discipline. For example, you can search for colleges and universities that offer a bachelor's degree in ecology.

July 31, 2007 - Data in California Context Updated

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has just released the [Digest of Education Statistics, 2006](#). The data in [California Context](#) from this source have now been updated.

July 25, 2007 - Licensing Information Added to STEPS

The School To Employment Pathways System ([STEPS](#)) now includes a listing of licenses required in California for various occupations. See the listing for [Civil Engineers](#) for an example.

July 25, 2007 - STEPS Updated

The results page of the School To Employment Pathways System ([STEPS](#)) now has links to enrollment and degree information regardless of whether the result is based on occupation or degree program. Previously, it was only available when viewing the results from the degree.

July 24, 2007 - Publication Search Updated

The [Publication Search](#) has been updated to include the option to add the topic of the report to the other criteria.

July 20, 2007 - Freshmen Pathways Linked from High School Characteristics

A link has been added to the school results page of [High School Characteristics](#) to take you directly to the [Freshmen Pathways](#) report for that high school.

July 20, 2007 - 2006 Enrollment and Completions Data for Public Colleges

The 2006 completions data for University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges has been posted. Enrollment data for University of California and California Community Colleges are also available. This updates all of the pages that rely on these data including [Customized Reports](#). See [Where to Find Data](#) for other locations and views of the data.

July 19, 2007 - Crime Statistics

Added crime statistics for campuses with multiple locations in the College Guide.

July 19, 2007 - Professor Ratings in College Guide

Colleges are linked to RateMyProfessors.com in the College Guide. The website [RateMyProfessors](#) offers ratings on college and university professors from more than 6,000 schools across the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Wales. College students use the site to help plan their class schedules and rate current and past professors on attributes such as helpfulness and clarity. The new link can be found in the URL section, labeled "Professor Ratings." View [CSU, Sacramento](#) for an example.

July 18, 2007 - Freshmen Pathways Added

A new application has been added to the Detailed Data section of the website. [Freshmen Pathways](#) allows the user to study the relationship of first-time freshmen between California public colleges and California high schools over a 15-year period.

July 6, 2007 - New Data Available in Characteristics by Ethnicity

The [Table View](#) of the Characteristics by Ethnicity has been expanded to include the total number of men, women, and unknown genders for comparison to the ethnicity totals.

June 28, 2007 - New Option in College Search

The [College Search](#) now has the ability to look for housing (dormitories and student apartments) as a criterion.

June 27, 2007 - External Reports Add to Search

The [Search](#) now includes results from the External Reports; searching the title, subtitle, summary, and the publishing agency in the Commission's database.

June 26, 2007 - External Report Summaries

Summaries are now available for some of the [External Reports](#). More will be added in the near future.

June 25, 2007 - Accountability Menu Added

The Accountability section of the website has been given its own [menu](#) on the navigation bar.

June 22, 2007 - Addition to College-Going Rates Trend Graph

The [trend graph](#) for college-going rates now includes a scale on the left to help place the graph in perspective.

June 15, 2007 - Additions to Characteristics by Ethnicity

Three new options have been added to the [Characteristics by Ethnicity](#) page: Population of All Residents, Population of Residents Age 18 to 24, and Population of Residents Age 18 or More.

June 14, 2007 - High School Characteristics and Outreach Programs Updated

The [High School Characteristics and Outreach Programs](#) section of the website has been updated to take advantage of the data that the Commission has regarding high schools in California. Several new options have been added to the search and more information is available for each school, including the average SAT and ACT scores.